Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (*Currently amended*) A computer-implemented method for restricting use of a clipboard application ~~in a multi-application computing environment~~, the method comprising:

receiving, in a multi-application computing environment, a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a source application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a destination application via the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

2. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application.

3. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the destination application.

4. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the source application.

6. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 5, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

7. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

8. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

9. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 8, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

10. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

11. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 10, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

12. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

13. (*Withdrawn*) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

14. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

15. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

16. (*Currently amended*) A computer-implemented method for restricting use of a clipboard application ~~in a multi-application computing environment~~, the method comprising:

receiving, in a multi-application computing environment, a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a source application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing storage of the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

17. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:

storing alternate content to the clipboard application in place of the designated content when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

18. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, and scrambled content.

19. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

20. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

21. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the source application.

22. (*Previously presented*) The computer-implemented method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39. *(Canceled)*

40. (*Currently amended*) A computer readable storage medium ~~including at least~~ comprising computer program code that enables a processor to restrict ~~for restricting~~ use of a clipboard application ~~in a multi-application computing environment,~~ the computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code enabling the processor to receive, in a multi-application computing environment, ~~for receiving~~ a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a source application;

computer program code enabling the processor to determine ~~for determining~~ whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

computer program code enabling the processor to prevent ~~for preventing~~ subsequent usage of the designated content in a destination application via the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.